Inclusion of land reforms in Ninth Schedule

1399. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to include 55 land reforms laws in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The list of these laws is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 61] A bill to amend the Constitution for this purpose is likely to be introduced during the current session of the Parliament.

Allotment of rice to Kerala

1400. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly quantity of rice allotted to Kerala for the period from August, 1989 to February, 1990; and

(b) whether the quota of rice is likely to be increased?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) The following monthly quantities of rice were allocated to Kerala for the period from August, 1989 to February, 1990:—

	(In '000 tonnes)
August, 1989	100.0
September, 1989	120.0
October, 1989	100.0
November, 1989	125.0
December, 1989	100.0
January, 1990	100.0
February, 1990	125.0

(b) Allocation of rice to Kerala was increased to 1,25,000 MT from February, 1990 from the previous level of 1,00,000 MT in January, 1990.

Punctuality of Jhelum Express

1401. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Jhelum Express running between New Delhi and Pune had reached its respective destinations punctually during the last three months;

(b) what are the reasons for non-observance of punctuality, if any by this train;

(c) what action has been taken to rectify the defects;

(d) whether it is a fact that travelling public regards this train as the dirtiest in the country from the point of view of punctuality, cleanliness and over all maintenance; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take to maintain its punctuality?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) During December '89 to February '90, punctuality of Jhelum Express Pune was 76.7 per cent and at Jammu Tawi 50.0 per cent.

(b) Main reasons were anti reservation agitation had weather and unforeseen circumstances like equipment failures and accidents etc.

(c) Intensive chasing and regular monitoring is continuing.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Intensive chasing and regular monitoring.